

Section II (Amendments to the Claims)

Please amend claims 1-24 and add new claim 25 as set out in the following listing of the claims of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A glazing element for ~~an~~ a window opening defined , the window opening being surrounded by opaque boundaries ~~characterized in that it has or incorporates ,~~ the glazing element having an edge region which in use is adjacent to an opaque boundary, the glazing element having or incorporating means for diverting light passing through ~~an~~ the edge region ~~of the element~~ whereby the field of view through the opening is enlarged , the means for diverting light comprising an optical element located within the edge region and having a plurality of facets separated by risers, the risers having a draft angle, wherein the draft angle of the risers varies across the optical element.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means for diverting light passing through an edge region of the element is integrally formed with ~~the~~ said glazing element.
4. (Currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means for diverting light passing through an edge region of the element is formed separately from the said element and fixed, attached or otherwise held ~~in physical juxtaposition~~ with respect thereto.
5. (Currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it is~~ adapted to fit into ~~the~~ said window opening and having a central region through which light can pass substantially undeviated and an edge region which refracts light through an angle as it passes therethrough, the angle being greater closer to the edge of the element.
6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A glazing element ~~(12)~~ according to Claim ~~5~~, ~~1~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the means for diverting light passing through an edge region of the element is so formed that there is no substantial surface discontinuity between the region of the element over which no light diversion takes place and the region of the element at which light is diverted.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the said means for diverting light passing through an edge region of the element is located at two opposite edge regions of the element.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously presented) A glazing element according to Claim 1 formed as a motor vehicle windscreen.
13. (Currently amended) An optical element adapted for fitting to or locating in association with a motor vehicle windscreen, to form a glazing element for ~~an~~ the windscreen opening defined, the windscreen opening being surrounded by opaque boundaries, ~~characterized in that it has or incorporates the glazing element having an edge region which in use is adjacent to an opaque boundary, the glazing element having or incorporating means for diverting light passing through an the edge region of the element whereby the field of view through the windscreen opening is enlarged, the means for diverting light comprising an optical element located within the edge region and having a plurality of facets separated by risers, the risers having a draft angle, wherein the draft angle of the risers varies across the optical element.~~
14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claim ~~13~~ ~~16~~, ~~characterized in that the Fresnel lens wherein the means for diverting light~~ has a plane face and a faceted face and the angle of inclination of the facets with respect to the plane face varies with the square of the distance from one edge of the element.
18. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the angle of inclination (~~α~~) of the facets varies according to the relation:

$$\alpha = kx^2$$
 where: k is a constant and x is the distance from the narrow end (~~41~~) of the element.
19. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the constant k is 0.003.
20. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claims ~~13~~ ~~16~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pitch of the ~~Fresnel lens~~ facets across the width of the element is in the region of 0.5mm.
21. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claims ~~1~~ ~~16~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rise~~ draft angle of the risers varies by 0.1° per mm across the width of the element.
22. (Currently amended) An optical element according to Claim ~~1~~ ~~21~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rise~~ draft angle of the risers is in the region of 10° at the narrow end of the element.
23. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle windscreen having an optical element affixed or otherwise held or secured in position thereon, the optical element extending the field of view through the windscreen and comprising a ~~refractor~~ Fresnel lens having a plurality of

facets separated by risers, with the draft angle of the risers varying across the Fresnel lens, the Fresnel lens being fitted adapted to fit against the windscreen in an edge region thereof ~~and~~ to divert light passing therethrough towards the observer through an angle such as to bring its apparent direction towards a central region of the windscreen.

24. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle windscreen according to Claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the optical element is a generally cylindrical negative Fresnel lens oriented such that its direction of greatest (negative) magnification is generally horizontal.
25. (New) A glazing element according to Claim 1, in which the optical element is spaced away from the opaque boundary.

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